

Private Devotions

AT THE

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OF THE

Holy Communion.

Before going to the Altar.

Most gracious Father, thou inviteſt me a vile Sinner, unworthy of the leaſt Favour, to a ſpiritual Banquet, to a Feaſt of Love : Lord, I am come upon thy gracious Call, being poor and needy, weary and heavy loaden under the Burden of my Sins, I come unto thee, O Lord, for Relief and Reſt : Help me to approach theſe Holy Myſteries with Fear and Reverence, deep Humility, and ardent Devotion ; with an Heart full of Faith and Love, ſenſible of thy infinite Goodneſs, in ſending thy Son to die for me, and of his inexpressible Love in undertaking and accompliſhing the Work of my Redemption ; truly ſorry for my manifold Sins, and thoroughly reſolved againſt them ; and grant, holy Father, that hereby my Graces may be ſtrengthened, and my Sins deſtroy'd ; That I may ſerve thee ſincerely and acceptably all the Days of this mortal Life, and in thy due Time attain thy everlaſting Kingdom ; through the Merits and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt, my bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

At going to the Altar.

In the Multitude of thy Mercies, O Lord, do I now approach thy Altar ; O pardon my Sins, and receive me graciously. *Amen, Amen.*

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At Prostrating before the Altar.

THou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory, and Honour, and Power; for thou hast created all Things, and for thy Will's sake they are, and were created: Blessing, and Glory, and Wisdom, and Thanks, and Honour, and Power be unto our God, and unto the Lamb for evermore. *Amen.*

Whilst others are coming up, and the Priest preparing to read the Sentences.

Almighty Lord, who hast of thine infinite Mercies vouchsafed to ordain this Sacrament for a perpetual Memory of that blessed Sacrifice, which once thou madest for us upon the Cross; grant me, with such diligent Remembrance, and such due Reverence, to participate of this so holy and wonderful a Mystery, that I may be made worthy by thy Grace, to obtain the Virtue and Fruits of the same, with all the Benefits of thy precious Death and Passion, even the Remission of all my Sins, and the Fulness of all thy Graces, which I beg for thy only Merits, who art my only Saviour, God from Everlasting, and World without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, regard, we beseech thee the Devotions of thy humble Servants, who do now celebrate the Memorial, which thy Son and our Saviour hath commanded to be made in Remembrance of his most blessed Passion and Sacrifice; that by the Merits and Powers thereof, now represented before thy divine Majesty, we, and all thy whole Church may be made Partakers of all other the Benefits of his most precious Death and Resurrection from the Earth, and glorious Ascension into Heaven, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, World without end. *Amen.*

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BE pleased, O God, to accept this our bounden Duty and Service, and command that the Prayers and Supplications, together with the Remembrance of Christ's Passion, which we do now offer up unto thee, may, by the Ministry of the holy Angels be brought up into thy heavenly Tabernacle; and that thou not weighing our Merits, but looking upon the blessed Sacrifice of our Saviour, which was once fully and perfectly made for us all, may'st pardon our Offences, and replenish us with thy Grace and heavenly Benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Offertory.

Blessed Jesu, who didst accept the poor Widow's two Mites, be pleased graciously to accept this from thy unworthy Servant. *Amen.*

At the Consecration.

O Blessed Jesu, in the Bread broken, I call to mind thy Body torn with Whips and Thorns, and Nails; and in the Wine poured out, I call to mind thy precious Blood, shed for my Sins!

Glory be to thee, O Lamb of God, that didst offer thy self a Sacrifice, to take away the Sins of the whole World; Lord have Mercy upon me, and take away mine also. *Amen.*

Whilst the Priest and others are Communicating.

O Lord, I am not worthy, nor fit that thou shouldest come under the filthy Roof of the House of my Soul, because it is wholly desolate and ruinous; neither hast thou with me a fit Place where to lay thy Head. But as thou didst vouchsafe to be laid in a Stable and Manger of unreasonable Beasts; as thou didst not disdain to be entertained even in the House of *Simon* the Leper; as thou didst not reject the Harlot, a Sinner like unto me, coming unto thee, and touching thee; as thou didst not abhor her

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foul and prophane Mouth, nor yet the *Thief* on the Cross confessing thee: Even so vouchsafe to admit me also, an over-worn, miserable, and out of measure sinful Creature, to the receiving and communicating of the most pure, quickning and saving Mysteries of thy most holy Body and precious Blood. *Amen.*

O Lord God, how I receive the Body and Blood of my most blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, the Price of my Redemption, is the very wonder of my Soul! yet grant me, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy Son, and drink his Blood, that my sinful Body may be made clean by his Body, and my Soul walked through his most precious Blood. *Amen.*

When the Priest draws near with the Elements.

Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, that I was born in a Christian Land, and admitted to thy Church by Baptism, and have lived to a Capacity of sealing my baptismal Vows in my own Person: Lord, I heartily take those Engagements upon my self: I renounce all Sins, the Works of the Devil, all worldly Vanities, and sensual Lusts: I heartily believe thy Holy Religion, and sincerely profess, constantly to endeavour to obey thy Laws; and earnestly implore the Assistance of thy Grace and Spirit to enable me to keep these Resolutions, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. *Amen.*

Immediately before receiving the Holy Bread.

Thou hast said, *That he that eateth thy Flesh, and drinketh thy Blood, hath Eternal Life.*

Behold the Servant of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy Word.

At the eating of the Holy Bread.

By thy Crucified Body, deliver me from this Body of Death.

After Receiving.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat, by thy Cross and Passion, good Lord deliver me! *I have sworn,*
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and am steadfastly purposed to keep thy righteous Judgments.

O, hold thou up my Goings in thy Paths, that my Footsteps slip not.

Lord, I receive this broken Bread, as thy Body, in Memory of thy wonderful Incarnation, and meritorious Sufferings, and vow by it, That I will, by the Grace of God, persist in the steadfast Faith of thy most excellent Religion, and sincere Obedience to thy most holy Laws to my Life's End. *Amen.*

Lord, I believe, help my Unbelief. I take this Sacrament of thy Body as a Token of thy Love, and Seal of thy Promises, to obtain for me the Pardon of my Sins, and the Salvation of my Soul, upon the Terms of Faith and new Obedience; Lord, I stand to my part of the Covenant, and in full Assurance of Faith, I rely on thee for the Accomplishment of thine: Be it unto me according to thy Word. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that this Bread of Life, received by me in steadfast Faith, and humble Thankfulness, may refresh and nourish my Soul; and be an effectual Means of the Growth of my Grace, and Increase of my Comforts, till I come to Life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. *Amen.*

I Believe, O Blessed Jesus, that thou art the Lord of Heaven and Earth; the Prince of Life, and the King of Glory. I most heartily thank thee, that thou wast pleased to stoop so low as to visit us poor Dust and Ashes, yea, vile and miserable Sinners. Blessed be thy Goodness, which moved thee to do a great deal more: to humble thy self to the Death, even the Death of the Cross, that we might be lifted up to Immortal Life. I devote my self everlastingly to thy Love and Obedience: I consent to all thy Holy Gospel,

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pel, desiring that all the Dwellers upon Earth would praise and serve thee. Let all Nations come and worship before thee. Let all Generations call thee Blessed : and shew forth thy dying Love, while the Sun and Moon endure : to the Glory of God the Father. *Amen, Amen.*

Before receiving the Cup.

Lord, I remember with all Humility and Gratitude the Effusion of thy precious Blood for me, and the Attonement made by it: Grant me such a Sense of those Sufferings, as may awaken a due Abhorrence of my Sins; and such an Apprehension of that Propitiation, as may encourage my Addresses to the Throne of Mercy for Pardon and Peace: and quicken my Endeavours in the Ways of Repentance and holy Living, till I obtain the Blessings thou hast purchased by thy Merits, and promised in thy Gospel. *Amen.*

Upon the Approach of the Priest with the Consecrated Cup.

What Reward shall I give unto the Lord, for all the Benefits he hath done unto me? I will take the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

After Receiving the Cup.

O My God, thou art true and holy! O my Soul, thou art blessed and happy! O the Depth of the Wisdom and Knowledge of God! How incomprehensible are his Judgments, and his Ways past finding out! Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me praise his holy Name; who saveth thy Life from Destruction, and feedeth thee with the Bread of Heaven! Glory be to God on high, and on Earth Peace, Good Will towards Men. I worship thee, O Lord, and magnifie thy Name for ever, who hast vouchsafed to fill my Soul with Gladness, and to feed me with the heavenly Mysteries of Christ's Sacred Body and Blood, humbly beseeching thee, that from

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from henceforth I may walk in good Works, and serve thee in Holiness and Pureness of Living, to the Honour of thy Name. *Amen.*

Most blessed Redeemer, I do truly believe, that thy Body was crucified, and thy Blood was shed out of thy Body, as verily as I have received this Bread and this Wine, set apart from the Bread : And that for the Remission of my Sins, as well as any others : And I do also believe, that with this Bread and Wine, I have really and spiritually received thy precious Body and Blood, whereby my Sins are fully washed away, and my Soul purified and refreshed : This, O Lord, I believe, help thou my Unbelief ! *Amen.*

After receiving in both kinds.

ALL Glory, and Praise, and Adoration be given to thee, O Lord, for all thy Benefits, especially for thy Son ; for his Life and Death, Resurrection and Ascension : for his Doctrine, and for his Example ; for the Appointment of this Memorial Feast ; for thy gracious Invitation of poor Sinners to thy Table, and for thy admitting me, the unworthiest of them, to partake of thy spiritual Dainties. Let me never forget this Love, or cease to remember this, dear Lord ; but carry the Thoughts of him and it, into all my Affairs, that they may regulate and direct the Actions of my Life to the promoting his Honour, and expressing my Acknowledgment of his Goodness : That so at last I may partake of his Glory, and enjoy the full Manifestation of his Love, thro' his Merits and Mediation, in his heavenly and everlasting Kingdom. *Amen.*

O Lord, I have now once more, in confidence of thy gracious Assistance, entred into a solemn Resolution against my Sins, to be more watchful over my Ways, and to have more regard unto thy Laws.

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I most humbly, and penitently, implore thy Pardon for my manifold Breaches of such sacred Vows; those at Baptism, and others since at thy Table: and now earnestly beseech thee to afford me such Measures of that Grace, which thy Son hath purchased and promised, as may be sufficient to strengthen my natural Weakness, and to overcome my powerful Temptations; That I may serve thee acceptably and faithfully all the Days of my Life, through Jesus Christ my Saviour. *Amen.*

O Lord, thou hast sealed to me the Covenant of thy Grace, made to me in and through thy Son, and assured me of the Forgiveness of my Sins, the Power of thy Grace, the Light of thy Countenance, and the Enjoyment of thy Love, upon the Conditions of Faith and Repentance. Lord, I most submissively praise thy Divine Majesty for this Grace, and wonderful Condescension, in entering into Covenant with such a worthless Sinner; I for ever love and adore thy blessed Son, my dear Saviour, for the Merits of his Life and Death, by which he hath satisfied thy Justice, and procured this gracious Covenant. Help me, O Lord, to abound more and more in Acts of devout Praise, and holy Love; and to give constant Heed to the diligent and sincere Performance of those reasonable Conditions which thou hath required, and I have accepted and engaged to fulfil: That I may obtain the Effects of thy gracious Promises; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. *Amen.*

At the End of the Communion.

TO the King Eternal, the Immortal, Invisible, and Only Wise God, the Ever Blessed Trinity, be all Honour and Glory, Now and for Evermore. *Amen.*

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